



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re Application of:

David E. Carlson

Serial No.: 10/075,483

Examiner: Daniel St. Cyr

Filed : February 12, 2002

Group Art Unit: 2876

For : ARTICLE AND METHOD FOR IDENTIFICATION,
CLASSIFICATION, AND INVENTORY TRACKING

Docket No.: 81001/101/102

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION TRANSMITTAL

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
 - i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on July 30, 2003.
 - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
 - iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☒ Enclosed
 - i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

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- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months.
- b. ☐ Other

3. Fees

- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 14-0620.
 - i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 - ii. ☐ Extension of time fee
 - iii. ☐ Other:
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 430.00 enclosed

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By:

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Sir:

1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above identified application.

TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE

2. This request is being submitted (check appropriate item(s) below):
 - i. ☒ Prior to abandonment of the application
 - ii. ☐ Payment of the issue fee
 - ☐ Prior to payment of issue fee
 - ☐ Issue fee has been paid but a petition under §

1.313 has been granted

iii. ☐ Prior to a decision on appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences

☐ A notice is being separately sent to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences that this request for Continued Examination is being filed.

iv. ☐ Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. 145 or ☐ Commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 146

☐ Prior to the filing of such appeal or commencement of civil action

☐ Such appeal or commencement of civil action has been terminated

ENCLOSURES

3. Enclosed herewith is/are:

☐ An information disclosure (37 C.F.R. § 1.98)

☐ Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B)

☒ An amendment

☐ New arguments

☐ New evidence in support of patentability

☐ Other:

FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e))

4. This application is on behalf of:

☒ Small entity (and status is still as small entity)
\$375.00

☐ Other than a small entity
\$750.00

5. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED							
	(3)	(4)	(5)	SMALL ENTITY		OTHER	
	REMAINING CLAIMS	HIGHEST PAID	EXTRA	RATE	ADD'L FEE	RATE	ADD'L FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	30 -	46 =	0	x9=	\$	x18=	\$
INDEPEN- DENT CLAIMS	2 -	5 =	0	x42=	\$	x84=	\$
() FIRST MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM				+140=	\$	+280 =	\$
TOTAL						\$	

(complete (c) or (d), as applicable)

(c) ☒ No additional fee is required.

OR

(d) ☐ Total additional fee required is \$_____.

EXTENSION OF TIME

6. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

- (a) ☒ Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(4), for the total number of months checked below:

Extension for <u>(months)</u>	Fee for other than <u>small entity</u>	Fee for small <u>entity</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> one month	\$110.00	\$55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$410.00	\$205.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$930.00	\$465.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,450.00	\$725.00

Fee: \$ 55.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this petition therefor.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

- ☐ An extension for _____ month has already been secured, and the fee paid therefor of \$ _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ 55.00

OR

- (b) ☐ Applicant(s) believe(s) that no extension of time is required. However, this is a conditional petition and authorization to pay the necessary fees to provide for the possibility that Applicant(s) has/have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

TOTAL FEE(S) DUE

7. The total fee(s) due is/are:

Continued Prosecution Fee (\$ 1.17(e))	\$ <u>375.00</u>
Fee(s) for additional claims (if any) (\$ 1.16(b)-(d))	\$ <u>0.00</u>
Extension of time fee (if any) (\$ 1.17(a)(1)-(4))	\$ <u>55.00</u>

Total Fee(s) Due \$ 430.00

PAYMENT OF FEE(S) DUE

8. Please pay the fee(s) for this continued examination application as follows:

- ☒ Check is attached for the sum of \$ 430.00
- ☐ Charge Account 14-0620 the sum of \$ _____

Please charge any deficiencies or credit any over payment to Deposit Account 14-0620.

INVENTORSHIP

9. This application as amended names as inventors:

- ☒ the same inventors as previously designated for the claims.
- ☐ fewer than the inventors previously designated and a statement accompanies this request for the deletion of the name or names of the person or persons who are not

inventors of the invention now being claimed.

- ☐ a person not named previously as an inventor and a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48 is/has separately:

- ☐ being filed
☐ been filed

DEFERRAL OF EXAMINATION

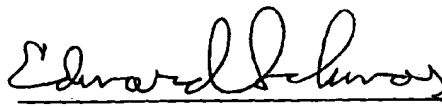
10. ☐ A request for deferral of examination accompanies this request for continued examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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By his attorney

Date 9/8/03


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